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# Theatre Royal



B5301 Theatre Royal

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## Location

30-32 Hargraves Street,, CASTLEMAINE VIC 3450 - Property No B5301

## Municipality

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE

## Level of significance

Regional

## Victorian Heritage Register (VHR) Number

H2144

## Heritage Listing

National Trust

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## Statement of Significance

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Initially constructed in 1858 to a design by architect Alfred Price, with extensive interior and facade remodelling dating from 1937 designed by La Poer Terry, is of Regional historic, technical and architectural significance. Historically, the shell of the Theatre Royal is one of the oldest theatre remnants in Australia. As a combination of hotel and theatre, it was an important social gathering point in early Castlemaine, which was an early focus of the Victorian goldfields. As a properly equipped theatre and later as a permanent cinema, the Theatre Royal catered to the citizens of the Castlemaine district with plays, concerts, recitals and events in the 19th century, and all the various developments of film, from "light shows" and bioscopes through to modern cinema, its mainstay in the 20th.

Technically, the roof is significant for being clad with Morewood and Rogers patent iron tiles, possibly the largest roof expanse still existing of these tiles.

Architecturally, the interior is a fine example of the Moderne (Art Deco) style, commonly found in cinema buildings of the 1930s, with decorative plasterwork in the auditorium.

Classified: 03/12/2001

Other Names      People's Popular Picture Palace, Royal Hotel,

Hermes Number    71705

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